IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| SHIN-ICHI HASHIMOTO, ET AL. | : Examiner: Mohammad Y. Meah |
| Application No.: 10/590,705 | : Group Art Unit: 1652 |
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated April 7, 2008 (Paper No.

20080401) in the above-identified application, as follows.